COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, *the* *14th of December 1928.*
29th of Vrischigam 1104.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. I. E. Ambooken, T. K. Nayar, A. Sankara Menon and A. K. Vengu Ayyar were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Export of Copra.

189. **Mr. C. Barton Wright.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of copra exported from the State and its approximate value?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Government have no information.

Appointment of the Head clerk in the Excise Superintendent's Office.

190. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the name, length of service and the permanent post of the person appointed as Head clerk in the Excise Superintendent's Office in the place of the former Head clerk, who was made the Ernakulam Excise Inspector;

(b) what was his pay before his appointment as Head clerk and what is his present pay;

(c) the number and names of other clerks stepped over by him with their respective qualifications;

(d) has he passed Excise Test?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a)(1) C. R. Ganapathi Ayyar.

(2) Two years.

(3) Permanent post. Nil.

(b) Rs. 25 and Rs. 60 respectively.

(c) According to the principle laid down by the late Mr. Brown in 1921, the then Superintendent of Excise Revenue, and followed since then, none but graduates could be appointed as Head clerk in the Excise Superintendent's Office. At the

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